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**INFORMATION  
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STATEMENT AND  
CERTIFICATION**

September 6, 2005

Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), i.e. prior to a first Office Action on the merits.

Attached is a copy of one European patent publication, which was cited in a European Search Report, dated August 18, 2005, that was issued in connection with a foreign counterpart application. Any relevance of this publication can be gleaned from its drawings. Also attached is a Form PTO-1449, listing the publication, and also listing three U.S. patents, which were also cited in the aforementioned Search Report. Any relevance of the U.S. patents is self-evident.

It is hereby certified that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before a first Office Action on the merits, no fee is required, and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 are deemed to be fully met as to all listed documents. Consideration of the listed documents is respectfully requested.

Should any fee be required, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and notify us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub-Class	Filing Date
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	AI	EP 1 086 880 A2	03/28/2001	EUROPE			No
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